THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) To the extent information is available, no company has submitted the details required to be submitted under paragraph 11 of the DPCO, 1987 for revision of price of any iron preparation in combination with non-scheduled bulk drugs since the announcement of DPCO, 1987 except M/s. Glindia who have revised to price of Fersolate tablets (500's pack) from Rs. 12.56 to Rs. 25.37.

Steps to decrease the Prices of Honvan Injection

1998. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 635 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th February, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Government received the required information as per Provision 11 of DPCO, 1987 from the manufacturer of Honvan Injection, Holixine Injection and Honvan tablets before increasing the price by more than 100 per cent in each case;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have the right to bring the price decontrolled medicines under control in case of a steep price increase; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government to safeguard the consumer's interest?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per provisions of DPCO, 1987, the Government is empowered to include any drug including price decontrolled drugs in Schedules I or II of the DPCO, and to fix or to revise the price for such drug.

(c) As per provisions of DPCO, 1987, the manufacturers of non-scheduled drugs are free to revise the prices of their products. In consumers' interest, the Government has intervened wherever price rise has been very high and secured reduction in the prices of the concerned formulations.

Information about Sales Turn-over of Celin Tablets

1999. DR. RATNAKAR PENDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 572 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th February, 1988 and state:

(a) whether the manufacturers of Celin tablets, Redoxin Chewable tablets and Arovit formulations submitted the information as required under DPCO, 1987 before increasing the prices of these medicines;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the information of each; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Information supplied are as per the requirements of the various provisions of DPCO, 1987.

Prices of Pseudoefedrine Hcl

2000. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 641 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th February, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pseudoedrine Hcl., Pseudoefedrine Sulphate, Sulphadimidine, Theophylline, Prednisolone, Ephedrine Hcl., Vitamin A, Hydrocortisone, Quinidine Sulphate and Sulphadiazine are covered under Price Control Order, 1987;

(b) what was the price of each drug recommended by BICP;

(c) when was the recommendation sent by BICP; and

(d) when was the price notified by his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) All the bulk drugs except Vitamin 'A' are covered under price control. All Vitamins as bulk drugs including Vitamin 'A' have been exempted from price control.

(b) to (d). Based on the recommendations of BICP the following prices have been notified by Government under the provision of DPCO, 1987:

Name of drug	Price notified by Government (Rs.)	Date of Notification
1. Psendoefedrine Hcl	1621.00	7-12-87
2. Psendoefedrine Sulphate	1529.00	7-12-87
3. Sulphadimidine	258.40	1-12-87
4. Theophylline	224.36	11-2.
5. Prednisolone	22420.76	11-2-88
6. Ephedrine Hcl.	1016.00	3-9-87
7. Hydrocortisone	19143.59	11-2-88
8. Quinidine Sulphate	4067.00	17-12-87
	(Govt. Quinine Factory, W. Bengal)	
	2892.00	17-12-87
	(Govt. Quinine Factory, Tamil Nadu)	
9. Sulphadiazine	461.00	16-10-87

Information furnished by Drug Companies

2001. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 643 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th February, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the total number of companies which furnished information for increase in prices of non-scheduled formulations as required under Para 11 of DPCO, 1987;

(b) what are the details of products for which the information has been monitored and examined by his Ministry;

(c) whether his Ministry has found any increase in the price without any justification;

(d) if so, what are the names of those products;

(e) whether his Ministry has included any product or formulation under price control on the basis of monitoring and examination or information provided by the manufacturer/importer before increasing the price; and